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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5 April 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 8/15/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Frame (Reg. # 47,232) on 8/15/2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 10, Line 1, Replace -Logic encoded in media- with **-Logic encoded in a media gateway-**.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention provides novel use masking the transfer of responsibility of a conference call between call resources by communicating a prompt to the clients of the conference call. This "masking" of the claimed invention reads in the supporting portions of the specification at Page 3, Lines 20-22, Page 3, Lines 25-31, Page 4, Lines 15-25, Page 16, Lines 3-15, enacting this functionality by providing a prompt to the clients of the conference which indicates the number of clients participating in the call, while also masking the handoff between call resources since no communication may occur during the prompt according to the description provided by the specification at Page 16, Lines

3-15, Page 24, Lines 29-31, Page 25, 1-7. The prompt occurring only in the condition that the message indicates a change in the number of client participating, along with masking the handoff of the responsibility of the conference results in an improved conference call transferring mechanism which was not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Bret Dennison whose telephone number is (571) 272-3910. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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